

## OUR FORMER PRESIDENTS.

By FREDERIC J. HASKIN.

By one of those strange coincidences of life the two men who rode down Pennsylvania avenue yesterday morning, as President and President-elect have traveled more miles than all of their predecessors taken together, yet their ages are less by ten years than the average age at which the Presidents of the past have retired from their high office. If they continue to travel in the future in proportion as they have traveled more than all of the Presidents before Roosevelt, Mr. Taft is the only globe-trotter whose travels have led him to the White House. Mr. Roosevelt, with the single exception of Gen. Grant, is the only man who has ceased to be President to become a globe-trotter.

It is being said that the African expedition will not be the end of the Rooseveltian globe-trotting, as the White House will not be the end of Mr. Taft's. In Mr. Roosevelt we have a shining example of "what the child admired the youth endeavored, and the man achieved," even if seven years of Presidential service had to be gone through with before the acquisition. It is said to have been the child-ambition of Theodore Roosevelt to be a naturalist. Now he is to be one, and the scenes of "Africa's sunny mountains" are not the only places where nature stories are to be gathered at a dollar per word.

Mr. Roosevelt is now America's only living ex-President. For the best part of a year the nation has been waiting for one. Mr. Cleveland was the only living one from the time of Mr. Harrison's death, and when the curtain was rung down on his career he had none until Mr. Roosevelt's retirement yesterday. Only once or twice before in the nation's history has it been without a living ex-President, and then for but a brief period. Mr. Roosevelt has retired from the Presidency at an age younger than that of most men when they assumed it. Only Tyler, Polk, Pierce, Fillmore, Grant, Garfield, and Cleveland assumed the Presidency under the age of fifty-one. Mr. Roosevelt is younger even than the man who succeeds him, and nearly ten years younger than the average age at which the Presidents have retired from the Presidential chair.

If he lives as long as the average of the lives of his predecessors—nearly thirty-seven years—he will see four more administrations come and go. No President up to Van Buren was out of office before he was sixty, and no President up to Polk died below the age of sixty-seven. Washington and the elder Harrison were the only two, up to the time of Polk, who died under seventy-two. The elder Adams, John Adams, James Monroe, and the younger Adams all lived past the fourscore to which man attains "by reason of his strength." John Adams leads in American Presidential longevity, he having reached the remarkable age of ninety-one years before he spoke his dying words, "And Jefferson still lives." Madison was the next longest lived, his age being eighty-six.

One gets a most startling idea of the shortening of human life under the stress of Presidential service by comparing the ages of the earlier Presidents with those of the late ones. Taking the first eight, at the time of death it is found that they aggregate 945 years, or an average of nearly eighty-one years to the man. The aggregate ages of the eight who immediately preceded Mr. Roosevelt amounts to 964 years, an average of less than sixty-three years. This represents a shortening of eighteen years in the average lives of men who have been President. Gen. Jackson and Mr. Buchanan are the only Presidents who reached the age of seventy before retiring from office. Harrison did not reach seventy, but he was only a few days short of it.

Mr. Roosevelt will probably give the same answer to the question, "What shall we do with our ex-Presidents?" that was given by Mr. Cleveland. That answer was to let them alone and allow them to attend to their own affairs. He represented the greatest earning capacity that has ever left the White House. His world-wide fame, his straight-from-the-shoulder, call-a-spade-a-spade way of saying, writing, and doing things have made him a reputation that can call forth a great income. Equipped with such an earning power, he will hardly be willing to accept any sort of pension or place at the hands of the people over whom he has ruled for seven years.

What of his future? All men know of his immediate plans, and those after he returns from his African engagement and his period of hobnobbing with William, Edward, and Charles. He will be a stranger thing have happened than that Cincinnati should again be called from the plow. Was it not said of Cleveland after his first term that when he went to New York after his retirement he made a noise like a stone thrown into the water—"a splash and then silence forever?" But did not Mr. Cleveland come back into office after four years on a political holiday the like of which America had never seen? Perhaps Mr. Roosevelt may yet live to be the second man who has been twice an ex-President.

The ex-Presidential career of Grover Cleveland has long been regarded as the ideal one. As a writer, university professor, and angler he lived in a quiet, dignified way. Benjamin Harrison began the practice of law after retiring from the White House at the age of sixty to build up the fortune that had been neglected during his active political life. The new Secretary of State, Mr. Knox, once retained him in a case in which he was general counsel. Harrison did the work, and then asked Knox to allow him to collect from the clients direct, stating that he wanted a bigger fee than he felt Knox could approve. He got what he asked. In after years when they compared notes his fee was only one-fourth of that charged by Knox. Had he left the fixing of the fee to the general counsel, he would have gotten ten times as much.

Chester A. Arthur died shortly after his retirement. Hayes lived some twelve years after his return to private life. He became a gentleman farmer, and attended to his large poultry yards and orchard. He and Mrs. Hayes were always identified with the great movements for the elevation of the race. Mrs. Hayes left the White House as dry as the sands of Sahara, but the two cellars were soon completely stocked again.

nearly the entire gamut of human experience. First came his tour around the world, the like of which history does not record. Everywhere men and nations united to do him honor. He afterward said that during the whole trip the incident that appealed to him most was the tendering of freedom of the city of Ayr, Scotland. But once before in all the history of that proud municipality had such an honor been accorded any man, and that was 250 years before to a gallant, native son. It was an honor that had even been refused the Prince of Wales, now King Edward. After a short stay in Galena, upon his return home, he went to New York. There he saw his entire fortune swept away. Amid his poverty, and while suffering from the terrible cancer that ended his life, he wrote his memoirs, the sales of which again brought his family back to affluence.

The path that leads to the Presidency is an uncertain one, as was so well illustrated in the case of Grant. Having failed at everything else, he sought a position with the Illinois troops in the civil war, but was refused. Later he was again an applicant for a command. At last the governor assigned him to a regiment of the most insubordinate lot of recruits Illinois had ever seen. Grant took them in hand, marched them several hundred miles, won all the subordination out of them, and developed them into the best regiment from the State. His rise was rapid after that. Gov. Yates always regarded it as the joke of his life that he was unable to recognize the soldier in the man who ended the war at Appomattox.

Speaking of the inauguration of John Adams, the Senate journal says: "The great and good Mr. Washington, as a private citizen, took his seat a little in front of where the Senators sat." The following year he was made a lieutenant general. Most historians seem to overlook the fact that he was afterward made General, but an act was passed on March 3, 1799, creating that grade for him. He was thus a full General for about nine months. What time Washington could spare from organizing the army for the possible war with France was devoted to his Mount Vernon plantation. He was also deeply interested in the improvement of the inland waterways of the country, and personally examined many of them.

Andrew Johnson and John Quincy Adams came back to Congress—Johnson to the Senate and Adams to the House. Jefferson spent his latter days building up the University of Virginia, and molding the political thought of the nation. Pierce and Buchanan lived in retirement after their service as President. The other Presidents, from the younger Adams to Pierce, were not afterward conspicuous in public life, with the single exception of John Tyler, who labored heroically to settle, without bloodshed, the differences between the North and the South. Monroe served as a justice of the peace after his retirement, and both he and Madison were members of the Virginia constitutional convention of 1829, as was also John Tyler, afterward President. The three Presidents of the United States sat in a single State convention—something that has never happened before nor since.

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**To-morrow—Our Ex-Vice Presidents.**

**PRAISE DUE POLICE FOR GOOD SERVICE**

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McGrath, thirty years of age, of 122 Sixth street southeast, was struck by an automobile, removed to Casualty Hospital, where he was treated. He was able to get to his home.

Mrs. Mary E. Hill, 18 North Carolina avenue southeast, attempted to alight from an eastbound car yesterday, and was thrown to the pavement. She was picked up unconscious, and removed to her home in a carriage. She has a fractured kneecap and internal injuries. Her condition, however, is not considered serious.

Charles H. Blackburn, 323 V street northwest, while driving a carriage was thrown from the vehicle yesterday morning when it was struck by an eastbound Mount Pleasant car; lacerations on the head and face; taken to Emergency Hospital.

James Gorie, Hyattsville, Md., while attempting to cross Massachusetts avenue at the intersection of Fifth street northwest, yesterday evening, was struck by an electric car, contusions on arms and body; taken to Casualty Hospital.

**Women Faint in Crush.**

In the crush at Fifteenth street and New York avenue several women fainted. They were cared for in the Red Cross tent on that corner.

William Ware, forty-five years old, of 174 Florida avenue northwest, became ill while watching men shoveling snow in the street. He was removed to the Emergency Hospital.

Falling from a skylight at the Regent Hotel while on the roof looking for a vantage point from which to view the parade, D. W. Wischard, seventeen years old, of Atlanta, Ga., was bruised and cut on the hands and wrist, and was removed to the Emergency Hospital.

William H. Evans, of Philadelphia, forty-three years old, became ill at Seventh street and Pennsylvania avenue and fell to the ground unconscious.

Lewis Stannart, of Philadelphia, was treated in Union Station for cuts on the face and hands. He fell in Delaware avenue and landed in broken glass.

John J. Knott, sixty-nine years old, of 39 F street northeast, was taken ill with hemorrhage. He was removed to the Casualty Hospital.

Emma Bryant, forty years old, residing at Twenty-eighth and M streets northeast, was removed from the Casualty Hospital, suffering from hysteria.

**GETS MEDAL FOR BRAVERY.**

**Rescuer of Drowning Rewarded by Royal Humane Society.**

Spokane, Wash., March 4.—Conrad F. Christensen, a nineteen-year-old Spokane boy, has received a bronze medal and a certificate of honor from the Royal Humane Society of Great Britain, of which King Edward is patron. The Prince of Wales is president for bravery in saving C. T. Berglund from drowning in the Kettle River, near Midway, British Columbia, where the two boys and L. Brandt were bathing the afternoon of July 20, 1908.

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## SAYINGS OF MRS. SOLOMON.

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Translated by Helen Rowland.

Hearken unto my counsel, my daughter, and thou shalt fear not any man. For a woman is as the X in algebra, an unknown quantity; but a man is an almanac riddle, to which the answer is always easy.

Tremble not when he blustereth, for he is like unto the March wind, which roareth and roareth but accomplisheth nothing. Hearken unto him silently, and when he hath done speaking go thine own way untroubled, for, behold! he hath taken it all out in words.

Yea, all the days of thy married life thou shalt rule the roost; for in matrimony he that getteth his say seldom getteth his way.

When a man declameth loudly against marriage, agree with him, saying, "Verily, it is as thou hast described, an unattractive thing, and I am a confirmed old maid," but proceed to collect thy trousseau and have thy calling cards printed in his name, for thou shalt need them.

Yet be not deceived by a mild man, nor by him who seemeth easy; for when such an one striketh a decision he sticketh thereto—even as chewing gum to the fingers of a babe. He answereth not back nor argueth the point with thee because he hath no intention of doing aught but that which pleaseth him. Many shall waste the years of their youth upon him because he looketh like a good thing; but the maid that seeketh to draw him into matrimony against his will is as one that seeketh to soften a cheap shoe or coax a cat into the water.

Verily, my daughter, a bear that growleth can be tamed and led around upon a chain; but a fox that goeth softly wandereth where he listeth, nor falleth into a trap, nor calleth any woman "master!" Selah!

Ovation for Taft  
Leaving Capitol

President Is Cheered as He Starts for White House.

## RIDES IN AN OPEN CARRIAGE

Mrs. Taft Accompanies Chief Executive, and Has Due Share of Applause—Vice President and Mrs. Sherman Are Also Enthusiastically Applauded—Weather Improves.

A burst of cheering by the few grouped about the east door of the Capitol, leading down to the big grand stand rising up behind the point where President Taft was to have made his inaugural address, announced the departure of the President from the Capitol. At first the crowd in the stand and across the driveway refused to believe that the new President was at last really coming, for during the long wait practical jokers had frequently sounded a false alarm of: "Here he comes!"

But the bulky form of the new head of the nation, accompanied by the new first lady of the land, the new Vice President and his wife, and various others, appeared in the doorway and started down the steps which divided the great grand stand and led down to the box in the center.

Then the crowd took up the cheering. The sound rolled down from row to row when the President was actually in view. The gathering across the driveway, kept back by a dozen mounted police, saw the President at the same moment, and they, too, began to cheer with great enthusiasm.

**Battery of Cameras.**

Behind this crowd a long stand had been erected, and thereon was a battery of cameras. The photographers immediately stirred themselves, and within a few minutes the Presidential party had been "snapped" hundreds of times. President Taft bowed in every direction, doffing his hat, as did Vice President Sherman. The party proceeded to the box in the center of the grand stand, where the inaugural speech should have been made, and descended through a small stairway to the street, where the Presidential carriage and others were waiting.

**Mrs. Taft in Lavender.**

Mrs. Taft wore a lavender dress and carried violets. The President took his seat on the right side of the carriage, and Mrs. Taft was at his left. Servitors had carried down bunches of cut flowers, and these were placed on the front seat. There were several carriages ahead of that of the President and Mrs. Taft, and ahead of these was Troop A and the band, which came first of all. Vice President Sherman, on the right side, with Mrs. Sherman at his left, followed immediately after the Presidential coach.

The party left the Capitol at 2:55 o'clock. By this time the snow had ceased falling, and while it was quite cool, it was not so uncomfortable as to prevent the lowering of the top of the carriage. Senators Lodge and Knox and Representatives Gaines and Young, in carriages ahead, likewise had the tops of their carriages taken down.

There was a delay of several minutes before the party made the start for the White House.

## SUFFOCATES AT FIRE.

One Woman Dead and Six Injured in New York Tenement.

New York, March 4.—Fire broke out early this morning in the four-story tenement located at 211, 213 and 215 Seventh avenue, Brooklyn.

Six persons were removed from the burning buildings and taken to hospitals suffering from burns and other injuries. One woman, Rose Gerber, perished from suffocation.

Among the injured in the hospitals are two children.

The police and firemen made numerous spectacular rescues.

The fire was gotten under control with some difficulty.

One of the most pleasant and interesting trips for the visitors to Washington is the trip to Mount Vernon by the electric trolley. This route can well be called the "Historic Route," as it passes over one of the most interesting places in our country—a portion of Old Virginia made famous from events dating back to the old colonial days and up to the late civil war. There are numerous places of interest in the route, such as old Fort Runyon, the base of the first picketing and skirmishing of the civil war, and the place where Nellie Custis, the adopted daughter of Gen. Washington, was born; the Episcopal Theological Seminary where Phillips Brooks and Bishop Potter were graduated for the ministry; the old King's Highway traveled by Washington on his way and from Alexandria, and over which Sherman marched with his army from the sea. Then there is Alexandria, where may be seen Christ Church, containing the unaltered pews of Gen. Washington and Robert E. Lee; old City Hotel, where Washington gave his last military command in 1798; the Masonic lodge room where Washington presided as worshipful master; the old Carlyle house, built in 1752, Gen. Braddock's headquarters; the Marshall House, where Col. Ellsworth met the tragic death of tearing down his Confederate flag at the outbreak of the civil war, and others. All these places are fully explained by an expert guide and lecturer who accompanies each train, and a stop-off privilege is allowed in Alexandria, in order that the many points of interest may be visited.

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Inauguration week will be the banner week, surpassing any other in the history of the store for its great money-saving opportunities. Another fact that will make it the mecca of visitors as well as of residents is the fact that this store has special sales of importance, and that these are not confined to our city patrons by any means. No matter where you live you may feel that you can share in the good bargains through our Mail Order Department.

But while you are here you will find it to your advantage to visit this store to-day, and we know that the bargain news below will be very interesting to you.

## FREE.

ON SECOND FLOOR—Three expert lace makers from Ireland are giving demonstrations of lace making, the genuine hand-made Irish Crochet lace, the famous bobbin lace, and also the Carrick-macross lace.

ON FOURTH FLOOR—A demonstration of Hindu and Japanese magic by Miss. Seky, first performances daily, and at 5 p. m. daily gives the famous flower-growing trick, distributing among the audience flowers grown apparently magically.

Don't miss either of these.

## A hint to visitors.

If you live out of town, and want to take advantage of the special offerings we advertise, send us your name and address and we will send you our ECONOMY HERALD, and put your name on our regular mailing list.

## For visitors.

**50c Japanese silks priced at 19c yard.**

This sale has been planned for the especial benefit of women visiting Washington, and we sincerely hope they will take full advantage of the wonderful bargain.

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## STUDIES IN PRISON CELL.

College Boy Firebug Tries to Keep Pace with His Classmates.

Green Bay, Wis., March 4.—Jay Lundy, the Lawrence College student who set fire to a fraternity house and was sentenced to a term of one year in the State reformatory, is keeping up with his classes by study in prison. He expects to be able by means of his cell study to take examinations and return to the class in which he was a member before his conviction. He will only remain long enough, however, to get his credits, and then will spend a year at his home, at Harvey, Ill. Later he expects to go to some Eastern college, where his Lawrence crime will be unknown.

## BRIDE'S PREMONITION TRUE.

Journeys Across the Continent and Finds Her Mother Dead.

Meriden, Conn., March 4.—Moved by a premonition of trouble at the home of her parents in this city to travel across the continent, Mrs. Luther Randall, of San Jose, Cal., arrived here, a few hours after her mother, Mrs. Charles Kink, had died. Mrs. Randall went to California a bride six months ago and was contented in her new home until she became strangely apprehensive of the welfare of her parents. Her mother had been ill a month, but not seriously, it was thought, and Mrs. Randall was not notified.

## MEMORIAL BY CHILDREN.

Youth of Iowa Pay Tribute to the Memory of Senator Allison.

Des Moines, Iowa, March 4.—Iowa school children will erect a monument to the memory of Senator William B. Allison. This is the eightieth birthday anniversary of the statesman, and in every school of the State the 500,000 children are bringing a voluntary contribution of 10 cents to the fund for the two monuments, one on the pedestal to be erected here, and the other at Washington. The legislature has already appropriated \$10,000 for the local pedestal, and only the statue is to be erected by the public subscription.

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